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OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON WAVE POWER

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HIRAHARA CALLED ON AMBASSADOR
SALZMAN FEBRUARY 23 TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE HIS
GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO ITS RECENT PROPOSAL FOR
COOPERATION ON WAVE POWER R&D. THIS PROPOSAL WAS
PRESENTED TO THE OCEAN ENERGY SYSTEMS WORKING PARTY
OF THE CERD ON FEBRUARY 16-17. TECHNICAL EXPERTS
FROM CANADA, IRELAND, U.K. AND U.S. EXPRESSED IN-
TEREST IN THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND A DRAFT
IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT WAS DRAWN UP CALLING FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS OF 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH FROM
THE U.K. AND U.S. AND 125 THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH FROM
CANADA AND IRELAND TO BE EXPENDED OVER A PERIOD OF
TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS. THE JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION
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WOULD CONSIST OF THE TEST FACILITY AND GENERATING
EQUIPMENT, VALUED AT ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

2. AMBASSADOR HIRAHARA EMPHASIZED GOJ'S STRONG
HOPE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED AT THE
APRIL 12-13 GOVERNING BOARD IN JAPAN. HE RECOGNIZED
THIS WOULD REPRESENT EXTREMELY TIGHT TIME SCHEDULE

FOR SIGNATURE OF A MAJOR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT
BUT FELT SIGNATURE AT TOKYO WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT
IN MAKING TOKYO GOVERNING BOARD ACHIEVE GOJ PURPOSE
OF CEMENTING JAPAN'S TIES TO IEA. AT A MINIMUM,
HE HOPED THAT ALL PARTIES COULD SIGN A LETTER OF
INTENT AT THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.

3. MISSION NOTES THAT SIGNATURE OF IMPLEMENTING
AGREEMENT AT TOKYO WOULD REQUIRE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS:

MARCH 13 - RECEIPT BY IEA OF NAME OF CONTRACTING
PARTY AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT AGREEMENT.

MARCH 20 - SECOND DRAFT COMPLETED BY SECRETARIAT.

MARCH 28 - AGREEMENT ON FINAL DRAFT.

MARCH 31 - DOCUMENT TO PRINTER.

APRIL 8 - FINAL DOCUMENT.

5. JAPAN HAS RECENTLY BECOME A SIGNATORY TO A
NUMBER OF IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS, POSSIBLY AS A
RESULT OF OUR DEMARCHES TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
URGING JAPAN TO INCREASE ITS PARTICIPATION IN IEA
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R&D PROJECTS. WHILE THE SUBJECT PROPOSAL DOES
LITTLE TO AFFECT JAPANESE STANDING VIS-A-VIS THE
U.S., U.K., FRG AND THE ECC, WHO CONTRIBUTE OVER
85 PERCENT OF THE PROGRAM BUDGETS, OUR EFFORTS TO
ACCOMMODATE JAPANESE DESIRES ON THIS PROJECT
(WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE TECHNICAL MERIT) COULD FACILI-
TATE GREATER JAPANESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OVERALL
R&D PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND
THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO
DRAFT IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW TO SIG-
NATURE AT THE TOKYO GOVERNING BOARD.
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